

**MEETING OF THE
WINNEBAGO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Minutes

DATE: Monday, August 7, 2017

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Oshkosh Human Services, Room 33

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Lautenschlager, Jim Koziczkowski, Mike Norton, Harold Singstock, Donna Lohry, Jerry Finch, Judy Wright, Michael Conley Kuhagen

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Karen Powers

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Topel, Mary Fredrickson, Beth Culp, Renee Soroko, Ann Kriegel, Nancy Ruedinger, Doug Brey. PSG Staff Kris Kutschera, Caitlin Turner and Nichole Joyce

Larry Lautenschlager called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2017 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING; THE JUNE 21 AND JUNE 22, 2017 PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND THE JUNE 22, 2017 HUMAN SERVICE 2018 BUDGET REVIEW

Jerry Finch moved for approval; seconded by Donna Lohry and carried 7-0. (Michael Conley-Kuhagen was not there at the time).

AGENDA ITEM #3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2017 ADRC COMMITTEE MEETING; MAY 9, 2017 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION MEETING; MAY 9, 2017 CHILDREN'S COP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Donna Lohry moved for acceptance of these minutes as written; seconded by Judy Wright and carried 7-0. (Michael Conley-Kuhagen was not there at the time).

PROGRAM: PSG CRISIS STAFF – DOUG BREY “IN-HOME CRISIS INTERVENTION FOR YOUTH” REPORT

This item was moved to the next agenda item.

The Family Mobile Crisis Program is a contracted program through Professional Services Group (PSG) and overseen by DHS Supervisors, Doug Brey and Annette Beattie. Supervisor of the program is Kris Kutschera of PSG. Two staff, Caitlin Turner and Nichole Joyce work 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

The purpose of this program is to keep child welfare juveniles out of placement. When a family is in crisis with a juvenile family member or foster child, the family either contacts the Family Mobile Crisis workers

themselves due to past experience, or the police are called, and the police contact the Family Mobile Crisis workers to come to the home to de-escalate the situation, and provide in-home support which ultimately will keep the child in the home. With the Family Mobile Crisis team being called it alleviates costs associated if the police were called, i.e., the youth would most likely be arrested for disorderly conduct, removed from the home and put in either juvenile detention or foster care. There would also be costs associated with getting the child back in the home. The team works closely with everyone involved such as the family, guardians, therapy team, social workers, etc. This doesn't mean that all juveniles are de-escalated, some juveniles may still end up placed in a mental health facility. The team would like to look at hiring additional staff or relief staff to work weekends, holidays and cover vacations. Jerry Finch asked Doug and the team if they would be willing to come to a county board meeting to discuss the program. Milwaukee County and Winnebago County have this program, with other counties looking into it.

The board welcomed and introductions were made to the newest board member, Michael Conley-Kuhagen

AGENDA ITEM #4: INPATIENT & INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT STATISTICS

Bill Topel shared the Inpatient and Institutional Utilization graphs. CW Division – Juvenile Corrections shows the number of kids in Lincoln Hills or Copper Lake facilities. Two girls at Copper Lake, one girl has since been returned home, and the other one we are actively looking at a different program. The program is called Transitions in Cook County, Illinois. This is a Salvation Army sponsored home. Transitions is based on donations only, no fee for Winnebago County for placements. RCC's has one placement; BH & LTS Divisions Special Hospitals for adults is 1.7; BH & LTS Division Special Hospitals for youth (under 22 years) is 1.1; Secure Detention spiked to 7.3. We pay Fond du Lac County for six beds on an ongoing basis. Possibly in 2018 we may contract for less beds than six. Foster Care at 95.1 and the lower numbers are due to programs we have in place.

AGENDA ITEM # 5: FINANCIAL REPORT

Mary Fredrickson indicated that Child Welfare is under budget and has a surplus of \$1,166,611; LTS deficit of \$179,803 is partially due to the Nutrition and Specialized Transportation costs exceeding the budget, though the biggest reason for the overage is due to children from the child welfare division being served in the community under long term support vs more costly child welfare placements; Admin and Economic Support no change; Behavioral Health has a deficit of \$306,661 due to the specialty inpatient hospital expense is over budget.

Harold Singstock asked why there is so much turnover in Economic Support and Child Welfare. Ann Kriegel indicated that for Economic Support it really is about having the right kind of person to do the job. People don't always know what they are getting into and how stressful the job can be especially in the call center where they have to do it fast, do it right, all while someone on the phone may be a very unhappy customer.

Bill Topel thinks we could bring Human Services pay up to the minimum in 2018 and not wait until 2019 as we do have the money. That would bring up the salaries for Child Welfare therefore enticing more staff to stay.

Mike Norton asked why there are deficits in Nutrition and Special Transportation. Beth Culp indicated that we had a one-time payment for a new van. Advocap's costs are greater than when Oshkosh Family had the meal program and more people are participating. Beth Culp and Mark Weisensel met with Advocap to discuss getting better meals and prices. Donna Lohry indicated she had heard from two of her friends that the meals were not satisfactory.

Mary Fredrickson indicated that the automobile allowance projects to be \$53,381 surplus. Out of office trainings are a part of the high cost of automobile reimbursement. Jim Koziczkowski questioned if paying higher wages for new staff could reduce training costs.

AGENDA ITEM #6: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Bill Topel indicated there were over 20 people at the 2nd annual WCHSA meeting. Sam Wilson, AARP Wisconsin President presented on communities getting themselves together in the planning stages to be considered age friendly. An age friendly community is a community that is livable for everyone and has access to every community service that is offered such as sidewalks, parks, schools or shopping. It shouldn't matter if you are 8 or 80. Shorewood is the only Wisconsin city that has qualified. AARP National is promoting that all cities become age friendly. Cities need to apply. Next meeting is October 20 at 10:00 a.m. at Fox Valley Technical College of Appleton.

AGENDA ITEM #7: BOARD MEMBER REPORTS PROGRAM:

Jim Koziczowski indicated that regarding the American Care Act, hospitals may do what Amazon is doing in bypassing insurance companies. Hospitals will be watching Amazon closely to see how that works.

Donna Lohry was made aware that Valley Transit has restrictions on using the paratransit bus lines and that people with certain handicaps cannot use the paratransit bus lines but have to use the main bus line during certain times of the year. Donna doesn't think there should be any restrictions and that all main line buses should be accessible all year. This practice was confirmed by Michael Conley-Kuhagen, who shared his understanding for the reasoning, as some individuals can navigate the public transit fine except during inclement weather.

Jerry Finch sent an e-mail to some of our congressman about how he feels about Medicaid, Medicare and social security and hasn't heard back from them.

Mike Norton went to a workshop on the Stepping Up Initiative, which is a national initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. Mike thought we should coordinate treatment to inmates getting out of jail as there is no aftercare plans at this point. Mike asked Bill to look into the Stepping Up Initiative. Bill indicated that the Sheriff asked him to help with the aftercare planning for the inmates. The sheriff asked that we include in the budget a position in the jail coordinating with inmates who are getting out of the jail and making sure they have connections to services. This 2018 position request is being brought forward to County Executive.

Larry Lautenschlager went to a workshop regarding states and counties that have legalized cannabis and how the taxes are used to subsidize school programs although cannabis is still illegal federally. What they are having problems with is the banking regulations as it is a federal offense to put drug money into the bank. Another workshop he attended was on Juvenile Correction facilities being more treatment oriented and less correction oriented.

With no further business Mike Norton moved for adjournment; seconded by Jerry Finch and carried at 5:10 p.m.

Due to Labor Day, please note a **change of date** where the next meeting of the Human Services Board will be held on **Monday, September 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Neenah Human Services Building.**

Minutes taken by Nancy Ruedinger, Human Services Department/pb